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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**H. NO. 322**

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**Introduced by Representative Joseller "Yeng" M. Guiao**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Mt. Pinatubo eruption of 15 June 1991 caused huge devastation in Central Luzon, brought untold suffering to many of our countrymen, and forever changed the landscape of many of the provinces in the area.

Pampanga, which was one of the hardest hit provinces, saw her towns being buried under tons of lahar, displacing many constituents, and forcing them to stay in relocation centers. The province has slowly recovered from the catastrophe, is continuously rebuilding, and is a living testament to the versatility of the Filipino people.

Rising from this tragedy shows resilience, iron will, and triumph of the human spirit. The lessons we have learned will help and teach us to strive harder in order to reach even greater heights.

More than twenty years hence and every year thereafter, It is but fitting that we commemorate this event, not to dwell on the pain and suffering it caused, but to inspire all of us to work for the betterment of our communities. It shows that despite the seemingly overwhelming odds, we stood united, faced the challenges and emerged as better persons and communities.

This bill was originally filed in the previous congress by Hon. Aurelio "Dong" Gonzales, Jr. of Pampanga's 3<sup>rd</sup> District. I am re-filing it because I share his sentiments and because my father, the late Governor Bren Z. Guiao, was governor of Pampanga during those difficult times.

It is for these reasons that I seek for the immediate enactment of this measure.

  
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AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 15 OF EVERY YEAR AS A  
SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA  
AND ANGELES CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE  
MT. PINATUBO MEMORIAL DAY

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. June Fifteen (15) of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the entire Province of Pampanga and Angeles City to commemorate the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo.

SEC. 2. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,